

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-69 were originally presented for consideration in this application. Claims 2, 9, 27 and 52 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-8, 10-26, 28-51 and 53-69 are currently pending in this application.

The examiner's indications that claims 31-43 and 59-69 are allowed, and that claims 3-6, 9, 22-29, 46, 47, 51-54 and 56-58 contain allowable subject matter, are noted with appreciation. Claims 3, 6, 22-24, 26, 46, 51, 56 and 57 have been rewritten in independent form above. Thus, it may be seen that these claims and their dependents are now in allowable form.

Independent claim 1 has been amended above to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 9 (which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter). Thus, it may be seen that claim 1 and its dependents are now in allowable form.

Independent claim 11 has been amended above to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 27 (which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter). Thus, it may be seen that claim 11 and its dependents are now in allowable form.

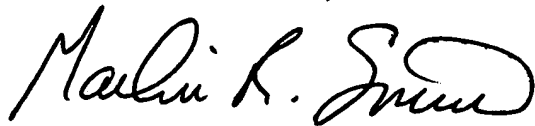
Independent claim 44 has been amended above to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 52 (which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter). Thus, it may be seen that claim 44 and its dependents are now in allowable form.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 1, 3-8, 10-26, 28-51 and 53-69 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

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